Training to Medical Men in Midwifery.

239. **MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Trivandrum* cum *Neduvangad*): With reference to the answer to question No. 34, given at the meeting of the Council held in Tulam 1102, will the Government be pleased to state how far arrangements said to have been under contemplation for affording facilities to junior medical men to acquire experience and practical skill in midwifery have progressed ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The question of opening a labour ward in the General Hospital, when the new wards are opened there, which will give facilities to junior medical men for acquiring experience and practical skill in midwifery, is engaging the attention of the Government.

List of Lands available for distribution under the Land Colonisation Scheme.

240. **MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether lands in the possession and enjoyment of private persons are included in the list prepared in connection with the Land Colonisation Scheme ;

(*b*) whether, under the existing Puduval Rules, these lands have to be registered in the names of those persons who are already in possession ; if so, why these lands have been included in the above list ;

(*c*) whether the Land Revenue Commissioner has made a personal inspection of these lands ;

(*d*) whether the Government have passed any orders to register these lands in the name of persons who are in possession of them ; and

(*e*) whether any action has been taken by the Government against the officers who prepared the list including such lands?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Such blocks of land as have been found to be available for land colonisation purposes may have been included in the preliminary lists prepared for the purpose. But, under Rule 6, it is the Land Colonisation Committees that have to inspect and select the lands suitable for colonsation.

(*b*) If there are scattered areas under occupation in any of the blocks selected for land colonisation, such occupation will have to be dealt with under Rule 7 of the Land Colonisation Rules. The Puduval Rules have no application in such cases. In view of this, the latter part of the question does not arise.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) No.

(*e*) In view of the answers to parts (*a*) and (*b*), the question does not arise.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know whether any land in the possession and enjoyment of private persons is included in the preliminary list ?

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MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Government have no information. The Government have not called for the lists and the lists are not here.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know whether the *Proverthikars* have sent a preliminary list?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer shows that the lists might have been prepared of the available lands.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): May I know whether the land in the enjoyment of private persons may not be included?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): May be included. It is not precluded. From Rule 7 of the Land Colonisation Rules, the member will see that such a thing is contemplated. The Committee will go into the whole question and see how the lands in occupation should be dealt with when making the selection.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): If the land is in the occupation of a private person for a long time, will it be exempted?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Not necessarily. I would ask the member to read that rule, which makes provision for it.

MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): Does that section cancel the Puduval Rules?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): If a block is selected for colonisation, then Rule 7 of the Land Colonisation Rules will operate; if not, the ordinary Puduval Rules apply.

Extent of Land available in each Taluk for Colonisation.

241. MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to state the extent of the land taken from each taluk for the Land Colonisation Scheme?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): No land has yet been finally selected for registry under the Land Colonisation Rules. 14 committees of officials and non-officials have been appointed to select, after local inspection, lands fit to be constituted into compact blocks for colonisation purposes. The committees have not closed their labours.

The Paravar Community and Fee Concession.

242. MR. A. J. JOHN (*Vaikam*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Paravar community (tree climbers) of North Travancore is included among the depressed and backward communities for the purpose of fee concession in the Education Department?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Paravar community is included among the communities backward in point of English education, and the poor pupils of the community are allowed half-fee concession in English Schools.

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